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Letter dated 3 February 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations (document A/42/79-S/18569 of 9 January 1987), particularly paragraph 8 thereof, and on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. Lebanon's position of principle remains firm. It is the Lebanese Government which is responsible for the security of all those residing in Lebanese territory, and no body is authorized to act on its behalf in that connection.
2. Lebanon rejects any reversion to the situation prior to 1982, as well as any autonomy in security matters or Palestinian expansion outside the camps.
3. The Security Council, and not the Secretary-General, is the competent authority and the Council has never before provided such guarantees as are called for.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Question of Palestine", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAKHOURY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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